

**IFB-414013**

**BECK BORROW AREA REVEGETATION  
POWELL COUNTY, MONTANA  
October 7, 2013**

Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is seeking a Contractor to drill seed approximately 325 acres of the Beck Borrow Area, located SSW of Deer Lodge in Powell County, as shown on the attached Drawings, Exhibit A. Oversight of the contract will be performed by Brian Bartkowiak, DEQ or DEQ's representative. This procurement is an Informal Solicitation.

The Beck Ranch Borrow Area is located approximate 5 miles south of Deer Lodge, Montana on Lake Hill Road. The field currently has a modest crop of (dead) kochia that is amenable to no-till drill seeding. The selected Contractor will seed with a no-till drill (e.g., a heavy grain drill) a mix of heavy seeds (grasses and alfalfa) approximately ½" to ¾" deep. The seed will be provided by DEQ.

If interested, please respond to this Informal Solicitation by completing the bidder information and lump sum and unit prices on the attached Bid Form, Exhibit C. Bids must be delivered to DEQ no later than **2:00 p.m. on October 31, 2013** in a sealed envelope marked "Beck Borrow Area Revegetation, IFB-414013". All responses must be identified as responding to Informal Solicitation IFB-414013. If a contract is awarded, DEQ will select the Contractor and the parties will execute the attached Contract, Exhibit B.

**PRE-BID CONFERENCE**

A pre-bid conference will be held for prospective bidders on **October 24 2013 beginning at 1:00 P.M.** local time at the Project Site. Directions to the pre-bid conference are as follows:

From Interstate 90, take exit 187 and immediately turn left onto the I-90 Frontage Road. In approximately 1 mile, turn right onto Cross Road 1, then turn left onto Greenhouse Road. In approximately 1 mile turn right onto Lake Hill Road. Proceed past the former Mastodon Gravel Operation and immediately turn right into the Beck Borrow Area entrance. This is the meeting location for the pre-bid conference.

**The pre-bid conference is NOT mandatory: bidding contractors are encouraged to attend but are not required to attend to submit a bid. Alternate arrangements to visit the project area can be made by contacting Brian Bartkowiak at (406) 461-3070.**

**Note: Contractor must comply with the requirements for payment of wages set out in Title 18, Chapter 2, Part 4, MCA.** The rates applicable to this project will generally be the rates specified for heavy construction. The current Montana Prevailing Wage Book can be downloaded from the State of Montana's website at the address below. Davis-Bacon information can be obtained from <http://www.access.gpo.gov/davisbacon/>. Contractor agrees to pay required wage rates and comply with all other legal requirements for fringe benefits, hours and working conditions. The rates specified are minimum rates, and where the federal rate differs from the state rate, the higher of the two will be the required minimum. Bidder should, if uncertain of legal requirements or applicable rates for this project or certain categories of workers, seek clarification from the Montana Department of Labor and Industry. (Phone: 406-444-5600 / website: <http://erd.dli.mt.gov/laborstandard/wagehrprevail.asp>).

Bids may be mailed or hand delivered to:

Hand Delivered

Department of Environmental Quality  
Remediation Division  
Attention: Brian Bartkowiak  
1100 North Last Chance Gulch  
Helena, Montana

Mailed

Department of Environmental Quality  
Remediation Division  
Attention: Brian Bartkowiak  
Bid Box  
P.O. Box 6969  
Helena, MT 59604-6969

**CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

The Contract Documents shall include this Invitation for Bid, the Drawings, Exhibit A-; Contract, Exhibit B and the completed Bid Form, Exhibit C.

**DESCRIPTION OF WORK**

Contractor will drill seed a nearly level field using seed provided by DEQ without seedbed preparation. The field comprises approximately 325 of the Beck Borrow Area, located in Powell County, MT.

**Bid Item 1.0 Mobilization and Insurance (Lump Sum):**

This Bid Item shall consist of preparatory work and movement of personnel, equipment, supplies and incidentals to the site. Contractor shall mobilize to the site after receipt of a Notice to Proceed from DEQ. This Bid Item shall include demobilization from the site and all incidentals required for site cleanup and debris removal. All work shall be completed no later than November 30, 2013 (preferably earlier) unless otherwise approved in writing signed by DEQ.

Payment for this item will be made in increments of the lump sum price bid. Seventy-five (75%) percent of the lump sum price shall be paid upon submittal of the required certificates of insurance and when Contractor is fully mobilized to the site. The remaining twenty-five (25%) percent of the lump sum price shall be paid when required site cleanup work is one hundred (100%) percent complete and Contractor has demobilized from the site. **The bid price for Bid Item 1.0 shall not exceed ten (10) percent of the total bid price.**

**Bid Item 2.0 Seeding (Unit Price):**

Contractor will drill seed a simple seed mix provided by DEQ to the designated portion of the Beck Borrow, see Drawings, Sheet No. 2.

The exact method of seeding shall be discussed with DEQ (or its Representative) before seeding is commenced. While choice of seeding method may depend upon seedbed conditions and equipment availability, a drill-type seeder is required that opens the ground in front of drill tubes, delivers seed into the opening via drill tubes, and packer wheels that close the slit behind the seed.

Seed will be provided by DEQ. The quantity of seed provided by DEQ will be sufficient for designated acreages at the prescribed application rates plus ten percent (10%). **If the seed supply is exhausted by Contractor through application above the designated rate, Contractor will purchase and plant sufficient additional seed at Contractor's expense.**

Payment for this item will be based upon actual number of acres seeded in accordance with these specifications as measured by DEQ.

## Additional Information

This Informal Solicitation may be canceled and any or all bids may be rejected in whole or in part when DEQ determines in its sole discretion that it is in the best interests of the State of Montana.

It is the responsibility of each individual bidder to assure that its bid is in the possession of the responsible official or his/her designated alternate before the stated time and at the place of the bid opening. DEQ is not responsible for Bids delayed by mail and/or delivery services of any nature (i.e., FEDEX, UPS, USPS, DHL, etc.).

Bids may be corrected or withdrawn by written, electronic or faxed notification received by DEQ before the time fixed for bid opening.

If a contract is to be awarded, it will be awarded by written notice to the responsible and responsive bidder whose bid meets the requirements of this Informal Solicitation for the lowest price(s) bid within 15 calendar days of the actual date of the opening of the bids. The form of the contract is attached to this solicitation, Exhibit B.

DEQ reserves the right, in its sole discretion to cancel this Informal Bid Solicitation, to reject any and all bids, to postpone or refuse to award a contract, to consider the bid of another bidder, to waive any and all informalities, and to take any other action it deems to be in the best interests of the State of Montana. The reasons therefore will be made a part of the file on this Limited Solicitation. Section 18-4-242, MCA, sets out the exclusive remedies for a solicitation or award of a contract determined to be in violation of the law.

## QUESTIONS

For general questions, contact Brian Bartkowiak at (406) 841-5043. All questions about the meaning or intent of the Contract Documents are to be submitted in writing to and must be received by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Remediation Division, in Helena, Montana, no later than **5:00 P.M. local time October 25, 2013. Questions submitted by mail should be labeled: "Bid Questions, DEQ Contract No. 414013" and addressed to Bid Box, Attention: Brian Bartkowiak, P.O. Box 6969, Helena, MT 59604-6969.** Questions may also be e-mailed to [BBartkowiak@mt.gov](mailto:BBartkowiak@mt.gov). Responses to questions will be posted at <http://svc.mt.gov/gsd/onestop/SolicitationDefault.aspx> no later than **5:00 P.M. local time October 28, 2013. Choose "Environmental Quality" as the solicitation agency.**

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